[English]

Overbridge in Ambalapuzha

927. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the construction of over-bridge at the railway crossing on National Highway No. 47 in Ambalapuzha on Alleppey-Kayamkulam railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which work on this bridge is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is for construction of a road-overbridge at Chainaga 10616 at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.5 crores to be borne by the Railways.

(c) The work will be commenced, after the estimate is sanctioned and the contract awarded.

[Translation]

Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi Line

928. SHRI NAWAL KISHROE RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey and demarcation of Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi railway line in Bihar and the acquisition of land therefor was completed in 1984;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work on this line is likely to be started ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project has not been approved.

(c) The surveys done in 1984 and updated in 1991 have revealed a negative rate of return of this project.

[English]

Sanitary Conditions in Hotels

929. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government inspect health and sanitary conditions in hotels of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any certificate is issued to hotels in this regard;

(c) if so, the number of hotels in the Capital which have not been issued such certificates; and

(d) whether owners or officers of any such hotels have been penalised for carelessness in respect of health and sanitary conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Legislation for Removal of Eyes from Unclaimed Bodies

930. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a legislation to allow doctors to remove eyes from unclaimed bodies in hospitals is under consideration of the Government;

(b) whether a draft legislation on this issue has been submitted by the Eye Bank Association of India;

(c) the advantages likely to be derived from such a legislation; and

(d) the time by which legislation is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Central Legislation has been introduced in Union Territory of Delhi and majority of the States. This legislation has been passed by the Parliament and the Sate Legislatures respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI) is of the view that the existing Corneal Grafting Acts passed by the State Legislatures and by the Parliament are not adequate to provide more donor eyes and these Acts should be amended or fresh Acts be passed which would overcome the deficiency of these Acts. They have forwarded a model Corneal Grafting Act to be forwarded to the State Governments so as to enable them to enact more effective legislation.

(c) It will provide for procuring more donor eyes from postmortom cases and unclaimed bodies from hospitals which can be a very large source of donor eyes.

(d) A decision can only be taken in this regard after thorough examination of the proposal in consultation with the Ministry of Law. No time limit can be prescribed for this.

Monuments at Mamallapuram

931. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the monuments at Mamallapuram near Madras have developed some cracks and some of them are in dilapidated condition; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Life Saving Drugs for Earthquake Victims

932. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether life saving drugs which were sent to the victims of earthquake in Garhwal were of superior quality and not outdated;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to inquire into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). Ministry of Health & F.W. has not supplied any life saving drugs to the earthquake victims in Garhwal.

Anganwadi Kendras in Araria

933. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: